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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES BY
LICENSED PHARMACISTS."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
4 Vaccine Purchase Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of
5 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the secretary's
6 designee, the Commissioner of Public Health or the commissioner's
7 designee, the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
8 designee and the following members: The state medical directors of
9 the three largest health insurers doing business in the state as
10 determined by direct premiums written for health insurance in the
11 state as of the effective date of this section, all of whom shall be
12 appointed by the Insurance Commissioner; three members appointed
13 by the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;
14 one member appointed by the Connecticut Medical Society; one
15 member appointed by the Community Health Center Association of

16 Connecticut; and one member appointed by the Commission on
17 Children. In addition, the Insurance Commissioner, or the
18 commissioner's designee, shall serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member
19 of the committee. Upon the vote of not less than seven committee
20 members, the committee may increase the size of the committee
21 membership through the appointment of new members to the
22 committee. New members shall be appointed by the chairperson of the
23 committee and shall serve terms in accordance with the provisions of
24 subsection (b) of this section.

25 (b) All appointments to the Vaccine Purchase Advisory Committee
26 shall be made not later than July 1, 2008. Members shall serve a term of
27 two years commencing on July 1, 2008. The determination of the
28 proper state medical directors to serve on the committee, as set forth in
29 subsection (a) of this section, shall be made on a biennial basis by the
30 Insurance Commissioner. Any member of the committee may be
31 subsequently reappointed to the committee and any vacancy shall be
32 filled by the appointing authority.

33 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
34 designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the Vaccine Purchase
35 Advisory Committee. The chairperson shall schedule the first meeting
36 of said committee which shall be held not later than September 1, 2008.
37 Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who
38 fails to attend not less than fifty per cent of all meetings held during a
39 calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from the committee.

40 (d) The Vaccine Purchase Advisory Committee shall:

41 (1) On or before February 1, 2009, and annually thereafter,
42 recommend to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
43 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
44 budgets of state agencies, public health, and insurance and real estate a
45 recommended amount to be assessed against domestic insurers and
46 health care centers for the subsequent fiscal year to carry out the
47 provisions of section 19a-7j of the general statutes, as amended by this

48 act;

49 (2) Explore methods to ensure universal participation by all health
50 care providers in the state's vaccination program;

51 (3) Explore methods to ensure that the state's vaccination program
52 provides coverage for all vaccines, including new vaccines;

53 (4) Study the expenditure of state funds for vaccines and the
54 necessity of establishing a separate vaccine and antibiotics purchase
55 account;

56 (5) Explore methods for health care providers to obtain vaccines and
57 be reimbursed for such vaccines not available through the state's
58 vaccination program or when there is a shortage of the vaccines; and

59 (6) Study the expansion of coverage under the state's vaccination
60 system to adults.

61 (e) Not later than February 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the
62 committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the joint
63 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
64 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
65 public health, and insurance and real estate, in accordance with the
66 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes."